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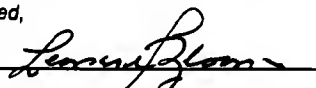
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Title: FLUID FLOW METER BODY WITH HIGH IMMUNITY
TO INLET/OUTLET FLOW DISTURBANCES

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**FLUID FLOW METER BODY WITH HIGH IMMUNITY
TO INLET/OUTLET FLOW DISTURBANCES**

The present invention deals with the age-old flow measurement accuracy and repeatability problems caused by Flow Meter Body upstream and/or downstream flow disturbances, such as elbows, line size changes, valves and other flow obstructions. This invention incorporates the exceptional fluid velocity profile flattening properties of Flow Nozzles in combination with Flow Diffusers placed upstream and/or downstream of the Flow Nozzle in order to create immunity to these problems. A Flow Diffuser placed upstream of the Flow Nozzle is used to decelerate the fluid velocity thereby allowing the fluid to expand, flow through the Flow Nozzle and present a repeatable, invariant, flat velocity profile to the Flow Sensor located in the Flow Measurement Section downstream of the Flow Nozzle. The upstream Flow Diffuser also allows the user to match the Flow Meter Body inlet to a smaller inlet pipe than the Nozzle Inlet Section and avoids the common problem of turbulence generation and static pressure loss caused by field welding and fabrication of adapters. A Flow Diffuser placed downstream of the Flow Measurement Section and Flow Nozzle is used to recover a large percent of the pressure drop across the Flow Nozzle, thus reducing the pressure drop through the Flow Meter Body. This invention provides a Flow Meter Body with exceptional immunity to flow disturbances, requires much less upstream and downstream pipe diameters, conveniently mates to a wide range of pipe sizes, eliminates costly field welding and fabrication of pipe adapter fittings and has a very low end-to-end static pressure loss compared to existing Flow Meter Bodies.

CLAIMS:

1. A Fluid Flow Meter Body incorporating a Flow Nozzle and Flow Diffusers placed upstream and/or downstream of the Flow Nozzle with a Flow Measurement Section downstream of the Flow Nozzle designed for use with thermal mass flow sensors.

2. Claim 1 in which the flow measurement section is instrumented with any other type of fluid flow sensor (such as Pitot tube, vortex shedder, turbine, sonic, etc.).

3. Claim 1 in which Flow Diffusers are used to adapt to larger or smaller pipeline sizes at either the inlet and/or outlet of the Flow Meter Body.

4. Claim 1 in which the Flow Nozzle has a concentric, converging inlet with a radial, elliptical, bell-mouthed curvature; or any other curvature that provides similar fluid velocity profile flattening properties.

5. Claim 1 in which the Flow Nozzle has an eccentric, converging curvature.

6. Claim 1 in which the Flow Diffusers have a concentric or eccentric shape.

7. A Fluid Flow Meter Body incorporating a Flow Nozzle and Flow Diffusers placed upstream and/or downstream of the Flow Nozzle, with or without a Flow Measurement Section, in which ports are installed upstream and downstream of the Flow Nozzle for the measurement of differential pressure and ports are installed for pressure, temperature for the purpose of measuring the fluid volumetric or mass flow rate for use with conventional flow instrumentation.

8. Claim 7 in which the Flow Nozzle and Flow Diffusers are concentric or eccentric, have radial, elliptical, bell-mouthed or any other curvature that provides adequate velocity profile flattening, etc.

9. Claims 1-8 in which a Flow Diffuser is used to provide the user with several sizes of inlet pipe fittings without affecting the immunity to inlet/outlet velocity profiles and a Flow Diffuser to recover static pressure and match up to a wide range of outlet pipe fittings.

10. In a flow measurement system, including a flow meter body with a flow nozzle, wherein flow disturbances may occur due to elbows, line size changes, valves and other disturbances upstream and/or downstream in the system, thereby resulting in measurement inaccuracies and/or problems in the repeatability of the measurements, the improvement comprising a flow nozzle in the flow meter body, such that the flow meter body is substantially immune to flow disturbances, accommodates smaller or larger pipe diameters, eliminates costly fabrication problems in the field, and has a relatively low end-to-end static pressure loss.

11. The improvement of claim 10, wherein the flow diffuser is placed upstream of the flow nozzle, thereby decelerating the fluid velocity and allowing the fluid to expand, flow through the flow nozzle and present a substantially repeatable, invariant, flow velocity profile, as well as provide an adapter to accommodate smaller or larger pipe sizes.

12. The improvement of claim 11, wherein the flow diffuser is placed downstream of the flow nozzle, thereby recovering a substantial portion of the pressure drop across the flow nozzle, and thereby reducing the pressure drop through the flow meter body, as well as providing an efficient method of adapting to smaller or larger pipe sizes.

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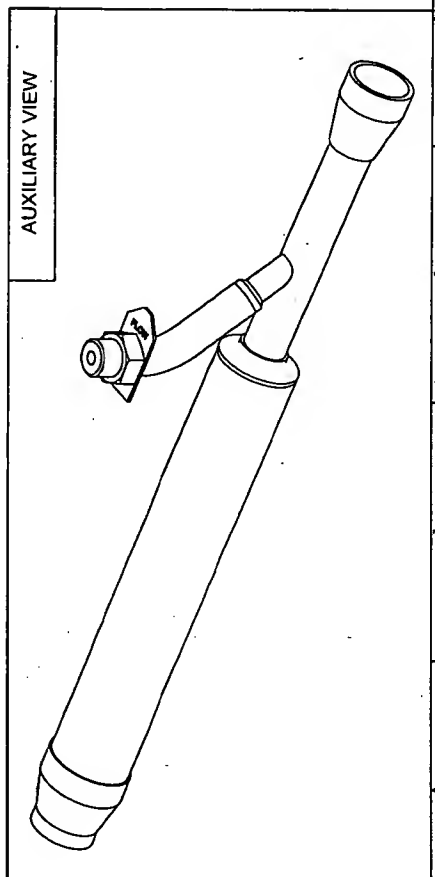
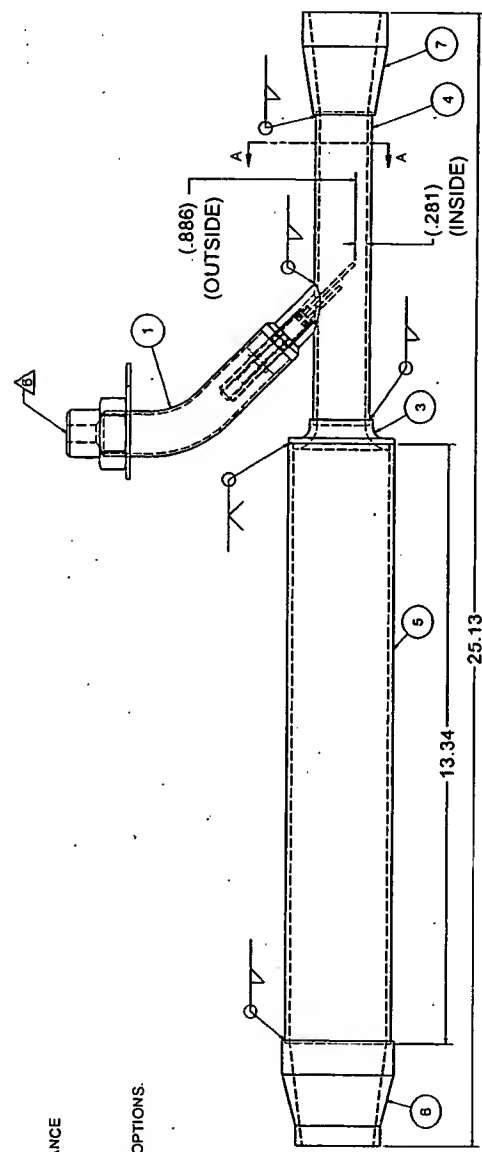


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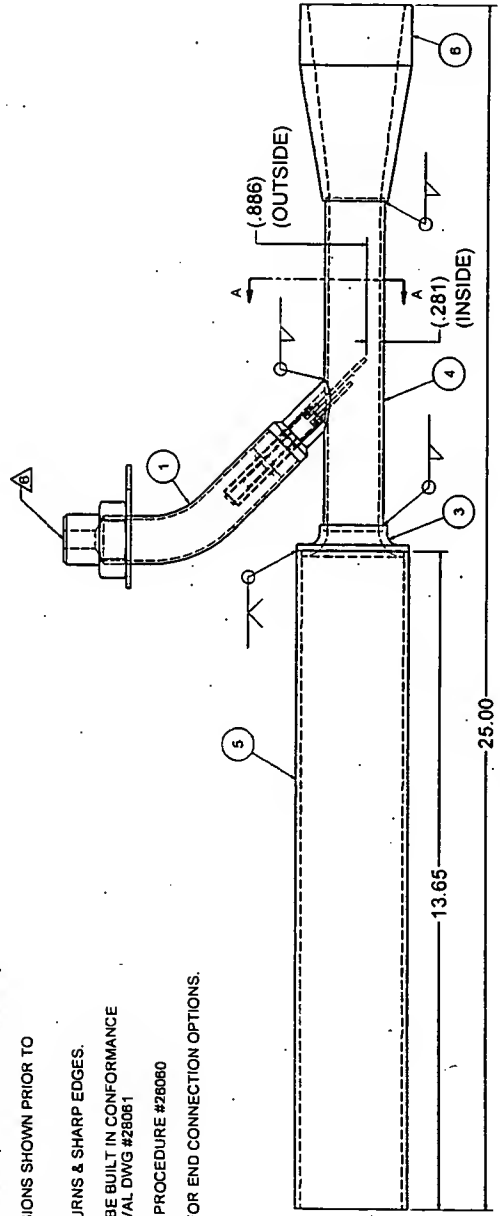
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2	1 N/A	N/A
3	1 060435-02	NOZZLE 16
4	1 060436-02	FLOW AREA-16_COM
5	1 080440-02	MON INLET 16B
6	1 080439-02	DIFFUSER-16B-INLET
7	1 080441-02	DIFFUSER-16B-OUTLET

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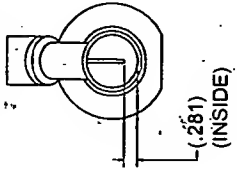
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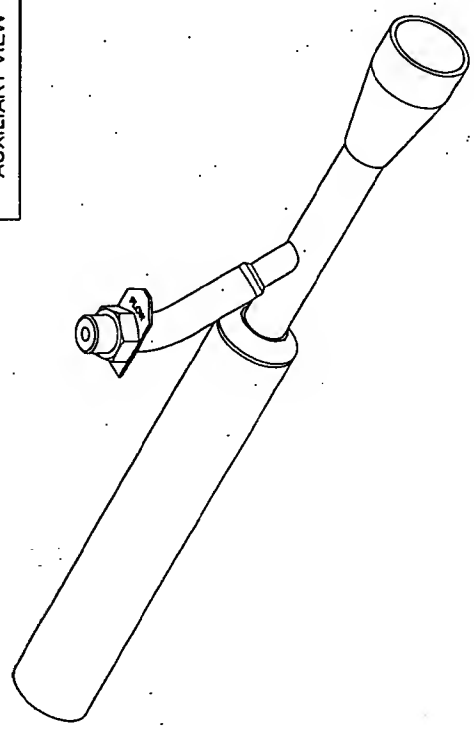


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4	1	080436-02 AREA-16_COM MON
5	1	080443-02 INLET 16C
6	1	080444-02 DIFFUSER 16C

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